



FOR YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE SPIRIT
OF SLAVERY TO FALL BACK INTO FEAR,

**BUT YOU HAVE
RECEIVED THE SPIRIT
OF ADOPTION AS SONS,**

BY WHOM WE CRY, "ABBA! FATHER!"

ROMANS 8:15

May 26, 2024
Holy Trinity Sunday

Service Theme
**ONLY A TRIUNE GOD CAN DELIVER
WHAT ONLY A TRIUNE GOD CAN OFFER**

Scripture teaches that there is only one God. Yet that God exists as three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Incomprehensible! It is the type of teaching about which the psalmist declares, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain" (Psalm 139:6). We believe in the Triune God without fully comprehending his existence, simply because the Spirit has given us the gift of faith. Not only is the concept of the Trinity itself something unique to the Christian faith, but what the triune God does for us and offers us is also completely unique. Our triune God invites us into the blessed relationship that is part of his very nature. The members of the Trinity share with us an intimacy that they have enjoyed with each other from eternity. Our triune God makes us not servants or subjects but blessed members of his family.

Hymn

CW 195 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

**Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy
sea;**

**Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.**

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

**Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

**All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky
and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Order of Service

Service of the Word (p.38)

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with
you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give us strength to live according to his will.
- C:** **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

(CW p.39)

- M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.
- C:** *(Sing)* **Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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M: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

C: (Sing) Amen.

1st Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-8 (EHV)

The triune God delivers Isaiah from guilt and sin and offers Isaiah lofty purpose.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. ³One called to another and said, Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Armies!

The whole earth is full of his glory!

⁴The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵Then I said, "I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."

⁸Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"

Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

Psalm

150 (CW p. 122)

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Praise God in his sanctuary;*
praise him in his mighty heavens.**

**Praise him for his acts of power;*
praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

Refrain

**Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,*
praise him with the harp and lyre,**

**praise him with tambourine and dancing,*
praise him with strings and flute,**

**praise him with the clash of cymbals,*
praise him with resounding cymbals.**

Refrain

**Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.*
Praise the LORD.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Second Lesson

Romans 8:14-17 (EHV)

The triune God gifts us the right to speak to our Father, the comfort of our Brother, and the indwelling of the Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, “Abba, Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God’s children.

¹⁷Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

Verse of the Day

(CW p.40)

Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia. (Isaiah 6:3)

C: *(sing)* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-17 (EHV)

Jesus teaches a Pharisee named Nicodemus about the kingdom of the triune God, who rules in the heart of all those who are born again.

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him.”

³Jesus replied, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?”

⁵Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! ⁶Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. ⁸The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹“How can these things be?” asked Nicodemus.

¹⁰“You are the teacher of Israel,” Jesus answered, “and you do not know these things? ¹¹Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

C: (sing) Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn

CW 177 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

**1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts your place of rest;
Come with your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which you have made.**

**2 To you, the Counselor, we cry,
To you, the gift of God most high;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above.**

**3 Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
And shed your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.**

**4 Drive far away our wily foe,
And your abiding peace bestow;
If you are our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide.**

**5 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And you, from both, as Three in One
That we your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.**

**6 Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!**

Sermon Text & Theme

Romans 8:14-17... **“Children of the TRIUNE God”**

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

M: Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

C: Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

M: Now this is the true Christian faith:

C: We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

M: For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

C: What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

M: The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

C: yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal, just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.

M: In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty;

C: yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

M: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

C: yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

M: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

C: yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

M: For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,

C: so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

M: The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone. The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

C: So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

M: And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal,

C: so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.

M: Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

C: It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

M: Now this is the true Christian faith:

C: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

M: He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh,

C: equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;

M: and though he is both God and Man, Christ is not two persons but one, one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;

C: one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;

M: for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ.

C: He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

M: At his coming all All will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.

C: Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

M: This is the true Christian faith.

C: Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

Offertory Prayer

Prayer for Holy Trinity

M: Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We would not have known you if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all doubt and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

C: Enlighten and empower us to worship you as the triune God, the holy Trinity.

M: God our Father, whatever good is in us, whatever good things we have, and whatever good we do comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being.

C: Open our eyes to see the gifts you provide every day purely out of your own love and care.

M: Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into our world to make the Father known to us. You joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity and brought us back to God by shedding your blood. In love you walked the way of suffering and carried the wrath of God that we deserved because of our sins. Help us believe that all you did and all you endured you did to rescue us and set us free.

C: In the bright new hope of your resurrection teach us to offer our lives in praise to God and love to our neighbor.

M: Creator Spirit, you breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel, opened our eyes to see the light of your grace, and filled our minds with the clear sound of your voice. Through Word and sacrament lead us to understand more completely how broad and deep and high is the love of God in Christ Jesus. Firm up our resolve to do battle with Satan and sin.

C: In every weakness be our strength, that we may show ourselves to be God's children: faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and fervent in love.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

M: Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, and the God of all comfort.

C: We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and praise your holy name forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

(CW p.43)

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(sing)* Amen.

Blessing

(CW p.44)

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you
peace.

C: (Sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn

CW 334 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

Announcements

Church Cleaners:

June 2 - Mark // June 9 - Timothy

Summer Worship Schedule

On Sunday, June 16, we begin following our Summer worship schedule with Worship at 9:30 am and coffee hour / Bible Class following worship.

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

Su (26) 9:00 am *NO Sunday School or Bible Class*
10:30 am **Lay led Worship**

We (29) 6:00 pm Elder's Meeting
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Th (30) 6:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)

Fr (31) 3:00 pm Online Women's Bible Study
4:30 pm Youth Confirmation (D)

Su (2) 9:00 am **Sunday School and Bible Class**
10:30 am **Worship (with Communion)**
3:00 pm **Worship in Poltimore**

Pastor will be in the US from June 3-6 for District Convention. If you need to reach him during that time, please call his US number: (512) 887-8982.

Th (6) 6:30 pm *Tentative* Youth Confirmation (W)

Fr (7) 3:00 pm Online Women's Bible Study
4:30 pm Youth Confirmation (D)

Su (9) 9:00 am **Sunday School and Bible Class**
10:30 am **Worship (with Communion)**



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